The Secretary who is really a servant of the Council is nominated a member of the House.

PRESIDENT.

He is a member just like you.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

I want to know whether the practice is the same as elsewhere.

PRESIDENT.

We thought we could form a proper judgment ourselves, and we need not want to go and refer to anybody else in this matter. In my opinion, in this case you need not follow any other Council.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

We follow Travancore. We do not follow all the rules of the Provincial Councils or of the Imperial Council or of the State Council. We more or less follow the practice of the Council of Travancore, and there the Secretary is a member of the Council.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.,

Is the Secretary to the Legislative Council in Travancore a member of the Council ?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Mr. Ullur S. Parameswara Ayyar was the Secretary when I went there, and he was a member.

PRESIDENT.

Mr. Ramasubba Ayyar is the Legislative Council Secretary there now, and he is also a member, and I find him taking part in debates.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

He is also Secretary to the Government.

PRESIDENT.

Our Secretary also may be made Secretary to the Government, and full-timed.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH.

That is what we too say.

Election to the Legislative Council.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

127. Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to the election to the Legislative Council :

(a) the number of general and special constituencies,

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specially mentioning in the latter case the name and number of seats in each constituency;

(b) the number of seats filled in each case without contest, and after contest;

(c) the number of votes in each constituency ; and

(d) the percentage of votes polled to total number of electors in contested constituencies?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

(a) The member is referred to Schedule I to Rule 4 (1) of the Cochin Legislative Council Electoral Rules.

(b)

Constituency.	Without contest.	After contest.
General.	2	21
Special.	3	4

(c) The member is referred to the final Electoral Rolls published in the Gazette.

(d) 72·7%.

A List of Resolutions passed in the Council.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

128. (a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of resolutions passed by the Legislative Council at its last session together with a statement showing what action, if any, has been taken by the Government in giving effect to the same ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay such a statement on the table at every session of the Council regarding the resolutions passed at the previous session and action by the Government thereon ?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

(a) & (b) Government regret that they do not find their way to comply with the requisition.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

The Government do not find its way to comply with the requisition. That will reduce the work of the Council members.

PRESIDENT.

Questions may be asked on this point. Why should we work unnecessarily ?

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